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I am writing to object to any proposed settlement of the suit against Microsoft which does not deal with the future consequences of past ill-gotten gains. Microsoft has gained billions upon billions of dollars by employing tactics which have been determined to be illegal.

Our company is a successful company developing software for Palm handhelds. Microsoft, which most certainly does not have a monopoly in the handheld market, and is also for the most part (at least as far as I can tell, but I may be wrong) not using "linking" with their existing monopolies to extend their reach into the handheld market (i.e., they are not including a PocketPC handheld with each copy of Windows), STILL is using its billions in ill-gotten gains to market that product and gain market share from Palm, to the detriment of Palm, Inc. and to companies such as ours which develop software for PalmOS handheld units.

In my opinion, the ONLY equitable solution would be to confiscate (i.e., fine) ALL of Microsoft's ill-gotten gains and "level the playing field".

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